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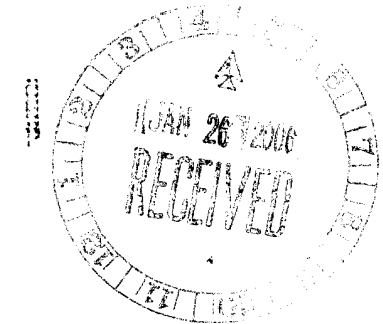
Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
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RE: Comments Supporting Petition for Exemption filed  
by New England Transrail, LLC  
FD-34797



Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of the comments of Mr. P. Christopher Podgurski in support of the Petition for Exemption filed by New England Transrail, LLC, Finance Docket Number 34797. Please time-stamp the extra copy and return it to our messenger.

We are hereby requesting that the following individual be added to the official service list:

Mr. P. Christopher Podgurski  
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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Formal Comments by Pl. Christopher Podgurski, 8 Springdale Avenue, Canton, MA 02021  
New England Transrail, LLC d/b/a Wilmington & Woburn Railway—Petition for an Exemption from 49 USC Section 10901 To Acquire, Construct and Operate As A Rail Carrier On Tracks and Land in Wilmington and Woburn, Massachusetts  
FD-34797

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed please find my comments on the New England Transrail, LLC d/b/a Wilmington & Woburn Railway—Petition for an Exemption from 49 USC Section 10901 To Acquire, Construct and Operate As A Rail Carrier On Tracks and Land in Wilmington and Woburn, Massachusetts, Finance Docket No. 34797.

I am a member of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) Freight Committee and follow and advocate for freight transportation issues through that venue. I am making these comments, however, in my personal capacity as an informed freight transportation advocate and concerned citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for its declining industrial and rail freight transportation infrastructure.

Because of the need to improve freight transportation, in general, and rail freight, in particular, serving Eastern Massachusetts, I have exercised my advocacy by joining the RTAC Freight Committee. Because of years of contraction and neglect of the rail infrastructure in Eastern Massachusetts, our region lags behind the rest of the nation in revitalization of rail freight transportation. In our committee we have reviewed the arguments for and against the facility being proposed by NET, and I have determined that it can play an important step in creating new rail infrastructure for our region without the negative impacts that some of its truck based competitors and local town interests have claimed. Consequently, I strongly endorse the comments submitted to the Board by Frank S. DeMasi, who also has exercised his advocacy for freight rail improvements through his testifying in support of freight rail at related state transportation hearings past experience as a former Department of Defense Acquisition Professional, and membership as Co-Chairman of the Freight Committee of the RTAC.

Sincerely,

  
P. Christopher Podgurski

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on this 26 day of January, 2006, I served a copy of the foregoing comments of Mr. P. Christopher Podgurski in support of New England Transrail's Petition for Exemption by causing a copy to be delivered by first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

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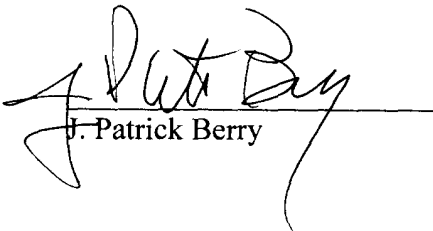
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